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The Boise VA Medical Center Announces Stakeholder Listening Sessions as Part of Ongoing Effort to Guide the Future of VA Health Care

Boise, Idaho — The Boise VA Medical Center announced today that it will hold a virtual listening session with stakeholders on May 7, 2021 from 2PM to 3:30PM to hear from Veterans and the communities VA serves.

This is one of 50 public virtual listening sessions across the country from March through June 2021 to hear from Veterans on how to design a health care system of the future and grow services for Veterans in a way that reinforces VA's role as a leader in the U.S. health care system.

"We want to hear from Veterans and other stakeholders in the communities VA serves and understand their vision for VA health care," said Director, David Wood. "VA's goal is to collaborate closely with Veterans and other stakeholders to build the best VA health care system that meets the needs of Veterans today and for generations to come."

These listening sessions represent an exciting opportunity for Veterans to help VA reimagine how VA delivers care in an equitable, high quality, Veteran-centered manner and develop a plan for investing in VA's aging infrastructure. The feedback will be used to develop the recommendations VA submits to the <u>Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission</u> in January 2022. The AIR Commission will also conduct public hearings as part of their review of VA's recommendations before submitting its recommendations to the President and Congress for review and approval in 2023.

To register for Boise VA Medical Center's listening session, please visit https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPOLICYPLANNING/listening.asp.

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About the Boise VA Medical Center

The Boise VA Medical Center and surrounding Community Based Outpatient Clinics are available to meet the health care needs of the estimated 100,000 military veterans living in the southern Idaho/eastern Oregon region of the United States. The Boise VA Medical Center and surrounding clinics treat almost 32,000 individual veterans each year in primary care, surgical, behavioral health, long-term care, oncology and dental services. The Boise VA Medical Center is an 87 bed teaching and research hospital dedicated to meeting the health needs of the men and women who served in the United States military.